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ARMAMENT CONFERENCE CLOSES ITS LABORS

Last Real Work Completed Saturday
But Monday Was Taken for
Farwell Speeches.

The last real work of the Limitation of Armaments Conference, called by President Harding to meet at Washington City, was completed Saturday, however a part of Monday was consumed in farwell speeches and handshakings of the delegates before leaving for their respective homes. Following is a brief summary of the successes and failures of the conference:

The Successes

A five-power naval limitation treaty junking 68 great capital ships—half the dreadnaught force of the world—providing for a practical ten-year naval building holiday, and calling for a fixed battleship ratio among the powers.

A four-power Pacific treaty, scrapping the Anglo-Japanese alliance—one of the principal aims of the United States in the conference—and designed to preserve the peace of the Pacific.

A five-power treaty banning the use of submarines against merchant shipping in time of war, and prohibiting the use of poison gas in warfare.

A nine-power treaty on China, carrying the most sweeping pledges ever made to respect that country as a sovereign state and to make the open door a fact instead of a vague principle.

A China-Japanese treaty, embodying a direct settlement between Japan and China for the return of the ancient province of Shantung—or at least that part of it held by Japan—to China.

A nine-power treaty on the Chinese customs tariff providing for revisions upward of the schedules of Chinese customs duties, which, it is estimated will bring China an increased revenue of nearly \$50,000,000 annually.

Then, there are many other actions of the conference on questions concerning China, which will all undoubtedly tend to clear up the tangled situation in that country, such as the resolutions for creating a board of reference in China to which various questions will be submitted for investigation and report; the resolution looking to eventual withdrawal of foreign troops from China; the resolution for withdrawal of foreign postoffices from China, and the resolution for an investigation of the extra territorial system in China with a view to abolition of this practice.

The Failures

Inability because of the attitude of France, to place a definite limitation upon submarine forces of the five great powers, in the naval limitation treaty.

A similar failure to place a definite limitation on forces of auxiliary craft, light cruisers and so forth, this being a direct result of the inability to limit submarines, as the auxiliary forces are needed for defensive purposes against submarines.

Failure to take any steps to limit the armaments of the world, this also having been due to the attitude of France. However, the American government was never confident that much good would be done in placing a limitation upon land forces.

The results of the conference on the questions of Japan's 21 demands to China and the Japanese military occupation of part of the Siberia are considered as partly a success and partly a failure.

Japan withdrew the famous "Group V" of the demands, and certain of her special rights in South Manchuria and inner Mongolia, but the demands were not completely wiped out. Japan also promised eventually to withdraw from Siberia, but no definite date for such evacuation was set.

There will be nine "treaties of Washington" signed here. In addition to the above-named treaties there is a supplemental treaty excluding the mainland of Japan from the application of the nine-power treaty, also there will be two treaties—one setting the Yap island controversy between the United States and Japan, and the other being an agreement between the five great powers and Holland for disposing of the Yap cables. These last two settlements, however, are only incidental to the conference.

STRIKE CALLED OFF.

The meatpackers' strike that has been on since December 5, was called off last week and the men were told to seek their old jobs.

COURT REFUSED TO CONSIDER BOND ISSUE

Did Not Even Take a Vote on the
Proposition Presented by State
Highway Commission.

The county court convened in extra session Monday immediately following the charging of the grand jury by Judge C. E. Snodgrass of the circuit court.

W. T. Testerman, secretary of the State Highway Commission was there and presented a tentative agreement to the court which meant simply this: If Cumberland county would vote \$250,000 in bonds to meet alike amount furnished by the state and Federal government each, the state would take that amount and expend it in building the Memphis-to-Bristol Highway through our county. That is all there is to the proposition when divested of all verbiage.

Mr. Testerman stated in his talk to the court that he felt that it would require around \$500,000 to complete the Memphis-to-Bristol highway through the county, but if the county should put up the \$250,000 asked, the state highway commission would complete the road and not ask the county for any further aid. He further stated that since the Memphis-to-Bristol highway is to become a state road the state would maintain it after built.

There was much discussion of the question by those favorable and against a bond issue. It was clearly evident to most persons that the court did not come there to vote bonds and that it did not intend to do so regardless of what any person might say.

Esq. U. S. Rose made a motion to pass the bond matter over until the April term of court and that a committee be appointed by the court to endeavor to obtain from the State Highway Commission more favorable terms than had been offered. When the vote was taken the motion lost seven to six.

That motion having lost it was clearly useless to put to a vote the proposition presented by Mr. Testerman and no vote was taken on it and the court adjourned without formal action.

The question was discussed for some three or four hours and it would take volumes to tell all that was said, but the gist of it might be briefly stated in this: The question of interest and taxes was stressed to the utmost by those opposed to a bond issue, while those favorable to the bond issue stressed the benefits to be derived from good roads and how impossible it is for our country to grow and develop without good roads and further that our schools could never amount to much until we had more good roads so as to make consolidated schools possible.

As a means toward better roads there is now some talk of a six mill levy for roads, which it is claimed will provide about \$30,000. That with the automobile fund and the regular road fund, it is claimed will provide about \$40,000 to \$50,000 for roads each year. It is proposed to use this amount in putting slag from Rockwood on the roads alike diverging from the county seat. When the funds thus provided is exhausted each year work will cease. By that means it is claimed we will be paying for our roads as we build them.

The difficulty of doing anything really effective in that way is this: The surfacing of main street of Crossville for approximately a half mile cost we are informed, \$2,000 or more. At that rate it would cost \$4,000 a mile at first and as the haul became longer the cost would increase. At that rate \$40,000 would build ten miles the first year. Counting the six roads leading from the county seat the ten miles would make less than two miles on each road the first year. With the increased expense because of increased distance and upkeep, the mileage would decrease each year so that in a short time less than a mile a year would be built. That would require fully twenty years or longer to get twenty miles of road. That would be an exceedingly slow method of building roads and one that would keep the county practically stationary so far as road progress goes or general development is concerned.

There is every probability that results would show even worse conditions than here outlined.

Next Tuesday is Valentine Day, the date when the birds are supposed to choose their mates. Judging from the interest manifested by many of our young people now, the trade in Valentines promises to be lively.

ILLEGIT STILLERS ARE GETTING IN HARD LINES

Two Large Stills Destroyed and Over
1,000 Gallons of Still Beer Des-
troyed; Arrests Made.

Saturday afternoon about two o'clock Marshal Lyles, Henry Turner and Clarence Turner destroyed a large still near the home of Hardin Smith, a few miles south of Crossville and poured out about 250 gallons of beer.

When the raiders came within a short distance of the still sight a dog belonging to Hardin Smith barked and caused two men who were at the still to appear on the scene with shot guns. One of the men was Lester Smith, a son of Hardin Smith, and the other was Elijah Agee, generally called Plute Agee. The officers ordered them to put down their guns and surrender but they broke and ran. As they ran one of the men fired upon them and Agee dropped his gun and fell, but quickly arose, picked up his gun and continued his flight. Smith and Agee both got away, but warrants are in the hands of the officers and they will likely be arrested in a short time.

The still had been put into a dugout on the side of a hill near a steep bluff and the dugout covered with tar paper. Every indication pointed to it having been used for some time. The dog "stood to his guns" and they were not able to enter the dugout until they took a long pole and punched the dog out and ran him away. The dog swam the creek or got wet in crossing the creek and was at the home of Hardin Smith when the officers went there with a search warrant a short time later.

The officers destroyed the four 60-gallon barrels and the mash or beer that was in them and brought the still to town. It was a large one, would have held, probably, 30 to 40 gallons and was made of sheet iron and not of copper as is usually the case. The officers found 14 places where stills had been in operation, before locating the one they raided.

Sheriff Walker and Men.

Sunday Sheriff G. W. Walker, Marshal V. C. Lyles, Henry Turner, Clarence Turner, Irvin Turner and James Adams, destroyed a large still and over 1,000 gallons of beer near Tollett's Chapel, about four or five miles north of Crossville. They also arrested several men found near the still sight.

Sheriff Walker and posse first went to the homes of Will and Arthur Sherill. When Will Sherill saw the officers he ran behind his barn and threw away a fruit jar containing some whiskey. The officers got the jar, but it was practically empty. Sheriff Walker arrested both men. Shortly before reaching the Sherill home the officers met some boys and the sheriff at once arrested them and placed them in charge of James Adams and Irvin Turner, so they would have no chance to give warning to the moonshiners. About a mile beyond Tollett's Chapel, near the home of Will Rector they found a wellbeaten path which lead them to a large still under a bluff. Here they found some 1,000 or more gallons of beer or mash almost ready for being made into whiskey. It was in large boxes, which they destroyed by burning. They did not find the still or worm as the moonshiners had not yet begun cooking the mash. Walter Taylor was also arrested near the still sight. The officers searched the Rector home and barn, but found nothing. After searching the Will Rector home and when on their way back to destroy the still beer they met Arthur Rector and Maynard Barnwell with a lard can half full of still beer that the officers had seen at the still a short time before. The men were arrested. The still sight had the appearance of having been in operation for some time.

The men came to town Monday and as the grand jury is in session, their cases will have a hearing.

PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD APRIL 1.

Rules of Primary Election November
26 to Be Applied; Mass Con-
vention Saturday, March 4.

Owing to so many of the Republican Executive Committee either being in the county court or being interested in the result of the deliberations of the court, the executive committee

J. THOMAS HORN HAS APPENDICITIS OPERATION

Is Getting Along Well and Is Expect-
ed to Rapidly Regain His
Usual Health.

Last week J. Thomas Horn was taken to Nashville for an examination for appendicitis with the result that an operation was considered necessary at once. The operation was performed and his condition was found to be quite serious, but since the operation he has been doing well and the doctors confidently expect his full and complete recovery within a few weeks.

It will be remembered that for almost two years Mr. Horn had suffered very severely at times with rheumatism and recently he was taken with an attack of appendicitis from which he suffered severely and grave fears were felt for a time for his recovery. As soon as he was able to stand the trip he went to Nashville for an operation with the results above stated.

Mr. Horn is an active business man and has been engaged as purchasing agent for the Nashville Tie Company for almost four years. His services have been of such a satisfactory character that he stands very high with his company. He is held in high esteem as a business man and citizen by the people in this section and his many friends here and at other points where he is well and favorably known will hope for his early recovery and return to business.

did not meet until 2:25 p. m. Monday. At that time 19 members responded to their names, there being only one proxy, that of A. L. Tabor in the hands of Jere Morrow.

Chairman J. W. Dorton called the meeting to order and the secretary was directed to read the call and then call the roll of the members to determine if a quorum was present. Only nine being required for a quorum the business of the meeting was taken up. Jere Morrow moved that Saturday, April 1, be designated as the day for holding the primary election to nominate a candidate for trustee to take the place of John Q. Burnett, deceased. The motion was seconded and was carried by unanimous vote. On further motion of Jere Morrow the rules of the republican primary of November 26, 1921, with proper date changes, were adopted.

The question of holding a mass convention to name delegates to the Republican State convention that is to convene in Knoxville after April 1, next, also for naming delegates to the congressional, senatorial and floatorial conventions, when and where called, was taken up for consideration. After some discussion it was unanimously decided to hold the mass convention in the court house, Crossville, Saturday, March 4, next.

Under the rules of the state committee this county will be entitled to 11 votes this time in the state convention, as the rules allow one vote for each 200 votes and one vote for each fraction of 50 or more cast for A. A. Taylor for governor in November 1920. The total republican vote in this county for Taylor for governor was 2684.

GRASSY COVE

L. A. Ford was in Crossville last week on business.

Miss Verdie Kemmer returned to Chattanooga, last week.

Oscar Smith, of Meridian, was in the Cove Saturday on business.

Will Monday moved his family from Crab Orchard to the Cove last week. He has a position as sawyer at the sawmill on the G. W. Davenport farm.

Miss Gladys Davenport, who is teaching at Jewett, spent the week-end with home folks.

Mrs. Lizzie Miller is having a wire fence put up, which will add much to the looks of her property.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Kemmer and son, Roy Jr., left Tuesday for their home in Marvell, Arkansas, after spending six weeks with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Kemmer.

J. A. Fooshee, of Linary, was in the Cove Sunday.

Mrs. Earl Jewett, of Jewett, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kemmer.

Rev. Ledford filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

J. C. Kemmer Jr., made a business trip to Sequatchie valley Wednesday.

Mrs. John Gist is very sick at this writing.

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BOY SCOUTS ORGANIZED STARTING WITH TENDERFOOTS

First Meeting Held Wednesday Night
Sixteen Members with Rev W. H.
Blue as Scout Master.

Thanks to the efforts of Rev. W. H. Blue, pastor of the M. E. church South, the Boy Scout organization has been revived and it starts off with a membership of sixteen. They enter the work on the Tenderfoot branch of the organization, but with active work they very soon expect to have members who will be entitled to be rated in the higher branches of the organization.

The first meeting was held Wednesday night at the Southern Methodist church. Another meeting was held Friday night for further perfecting the organization. Another meeting will be held Saturday night of this week, when any boy who wishes to join will have an opportunity to do so.

The Boy Scouts is an organization that is doing splendid work among the young boys of the United States in that it teaches them many of the elements of woodcraft, first aid and builds up in them a manly spirit that is most admirable and gives the boy something to do of a semi-public character just at the most formative period of his life.

Some years ago there was a Boy Scout troop here under the direction of Rev. W. C. Martin and later under Rev. Martin of the Congregational church. While not as much was accomplished as might have been, what was done was of great benefit to the boys of our town. In this instance it should not be confined to Crossville boys only. There is no doubt that Rev. Blue will gladly welcome boys from the country as members, even though they may not be able to attend every meeting and take part in all the plans they may have for doing good stunts, camping parties and other forms of amusement and usefulness.

BIGLICK

On Thursday before the fourth Sunday, Rev. P. E. Radford came to us holding a prayer meeting in the afternoon and preaching for us Friday and Saturday nights. On Sunday Dr. J. H. Miller, of Lebanon, preached to us and celebrated with us the Lord's Supper. Though the weather was bad there was good attendance at all these meetings.

Our Sunday school is entering the first quarter of the years work with a fine attendance. One class, "The Count On Me" had only one absentee during January. Our note books are of interest and show good work being done.

The mens' Community Club held its monthly meeting the first week in January. Because of the weather they have not been able to have their usual working.

The Ladies Aid held its February meeting with Mrs. Albert Hall, Wednesday, February 1st. A quilt was in the frames to quilt a quilt is being quilted and dresser scarfs and aprons being made. A full days work was done, a good dinner and a happy day was enjoyed.

Work on the new store building is going slowly, the weather has been so rough, but it is framed and ready for the roof and siding.

Emmett Kerley and family are settled in their new home and say they like the mountain fine.

Ell Selby is hauling lumber getting ready to build his new residence near the school house.

Mrs. Martha Parham came up from the valley to attend the meeting and spend Saturday and Sunday with her son, J. H. Tollett.

Miss Bulah Kerley entered school at Mossop school in Harriman. She writes home that she is much interested and is enjoying her work.

Wilburn Rhea and Lee Bradley went early in January to attend school in Dorland Bell, Hot Springs, N. C.

Wayman Turner and family spent a time with Mrs. Turner's Father, Jas. Cobble.

Lige Blaylock is some better and has been brought to his nephew's, Ernest Blaylock.

Willie Bradley has bought a tract of land near his father's farm. He talks of building on it and coming back to live in our community. We would welcome him.

The hand-mill in Devil Step hollow is running and furnishing work for our men, but there is complaint that the wages are not enough.

Snow Ball.